

CLAIMS:

1. An ambiphilic solid particle composition for use in dermal (topical) composition, which comprises
 - a) water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than $40 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$,
 - b) at least one lipophilic component,
 - c) at least one hydrophilic component,
 - d) at least one physiologically acceptable surfactant, and, optionally,
 - e) a biologically active compound and other excipients.
2. A dermal or topical composition obtained from an ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, wherein the ambiphilic solid particle composition is dispersed, which essentially consists of 1 wt % to 50 wt % of porous agglomerates of water-insoluble solid particles of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than $40 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, and, optionally, at least one biologically active compound and, optionally further pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients.
3. A lotion, gel, cream or paste like skin care composition prepared by homogeneously mixing and dispersing 1 wt % to 10 wt % of the powder composition from claim 1 in a suitable base carrier.

4. An ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, which comprises
 - a) 10 wt % to 95 wt %, of water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than 40 m²/g,
 - b) 1 wt % to 50 wt % of at least one lipophilic component compatible with sebum,
 - c) 0.5 wt % to 50 wt % of at least one hydrophilic component,
 - d) 0.1 wt % to 25 wt % of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant and
 - e) 1 wt % to 20 wt % water or bound moisture and, optionally, 1 wt % to 10 wt % of one or more biologically active compound, stabilizers, preservatives.
5. An ambiphilic solid particle composition according to claim 1, wherein the component a) consists of a synthetic porous material selected from the group consisting of amorphous Al₂O₃•MgO•2SiO₂•nH₂O, CaHPO₄•mH₂O, CaSiO₄, Ca₃SiO₅ and dibasic anhydrous calcium phosphate.
6. A skin care composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 for adsorbing oils and hydrating skin, scalp and hair.

7. A method to adsorb/absorb sebum and hydrate skin involving a dispersed system comprising;
- a) water insoluble synthetic porous agglomerates of organic and/or inorganic compounds with specific surface area greater than 40 m²/g,
 - b) at least one lipophilic component,
 - c) at least one hydro-active compound dissolved with a swollen hydrophilic polymer,
 - d) at least one amphiphilic or amphipathic surfactant,
 - e) 10 wt % to 99 wt % hydrophilic, lipophilic or particulate carriers or ingredients,
 - f) optionally a biological active compound and other excipients,
- that is mixed with a porous ambiphilic matrix and provides a reservoir for lubricating and hydrating the skin.